

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Device for processing digital data and, more particularly, for reading out the maximum or minimum value of data belonging to a set of  $2^n$  codes in which a relation of order is established and in which each of said data has a rank  $R$  comprised between 0 and  $2^n-1$ . The device includes a conversion circuit for each digital data to be processed, which circuit generates a transform which is a binary number composed of  $2^n-1$  binary elements  $T[x]$  with  $x = 1$  to  $2^n-1$

$$T[2^n-1] T[2^n-2] \dots T[x] \dots T[2] T[1]$$

in which  $T(x) = 0$  when  $x$  is strictly higher than  $R$  and  $T(x) = 1$  when  $x$  is lower or equal to  $R$ . The result of the conversions is received by circuits that carry out a digital processing thereof.